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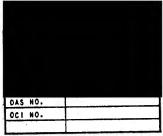
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1. "The following information on the Ustav Napravneho %arizeni (prison) is dated

Location

- "This prison is situated in the northeastern part of Ceska Jipa, east of the railroad line which runs from Ceska Lipa to Rumburk.
- 3. "The prison buildings occupy an area 300 x 200 meters. On the southern side of the prison area is a building which houses the district court and the District National Committee (ONV). South of the court building the highway to Decin runs in a westerly direction. There are streets east and west of the prison. The prison area is surrouned by a brick wall four meters high. The wall is topped by three rows of barbed wire.

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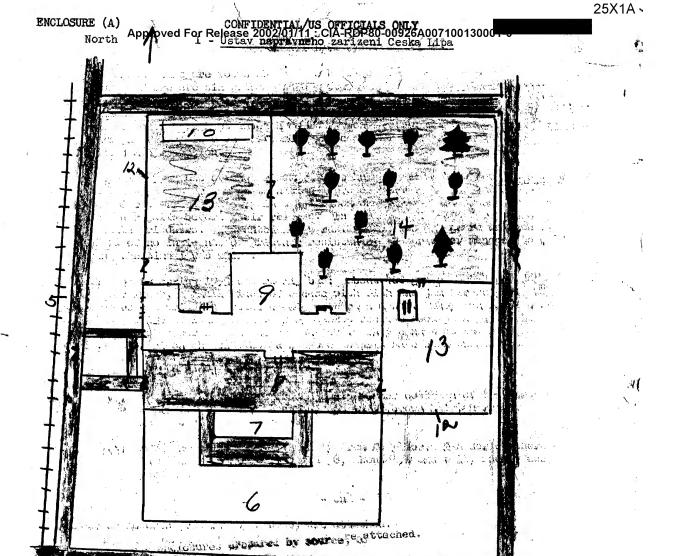
4. "The common cells are rooms about five by five meters each, with two grated windows. There are six prisoners to a cell. Each cell has a peephole in the door and also in the wall (marked on the diagrams by a hook). The solitary confinement cells are five by two meters, with one grated window. Two or three prisoners are kept in each solitary confinement cell. The first floor /US second floor is used for women; there are no solitary confinement cells in the women's section.

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- 5. "In spring 1953 most of the prisoners were kulaks and workers convicted of minor sabotage -- theft or damage to national property in kolkhozes and national enterprises. Prisoners stay in this prison one year or are transferred here from other jails before their release. In spring 1953 there were 150 male and 50 female prisoners. I counted 14 guards. There was one guard on each floor. I heard of no incidents of prisoner resistance. No prisoner managed to escape during the time I was there.
- 6. "The food in spring 1953 was really bad: about 400 gms of bread per day, potato soup for lunch, a small piece of cheese with fish and jam for supper. The prisoners can write and receive one postcard a month. They can receive no visitors while awaiting trial. They cannot receive food packages. They have to walk 30 minutes per day in the prison yard. They cannot attend religious services in the two prison chapels, because those chapels have been turned into workshops.
- 7. "The most dangerous guards were:
 - (a) Sergeant (fnu) Bidle from Mimon, Former coachman of the Mimon brewery. Aged 40, about 165 cms tall, brown hair, married, CP member.
 - (b) Sergeant (fnu) Sidelko. Gipsy from Novy Bor. Had served there | ILLEGIB in a workers' militia. Aged 30, about 158 cms tall, round face, dark hair."

ENGLOSURE (A): Sketch Showing Location of the Prison with Legend
(B): Sketch of the Ground Floor of the Prison with Legend
(C): Sketch of the First Floor of the Prison with Legend
(D): Sketch of the Second Floor of the Prison with Legend

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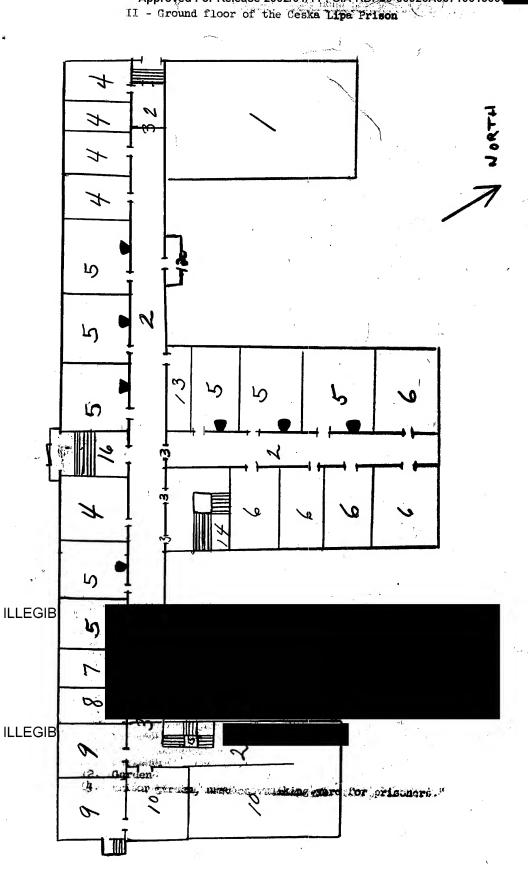
I - Legend: Location of the Trison at Ceska Lipa

- "l. Highway from Ceska Lipa to Decin.
- 2. Street between the railroad line and the wall around the prison.
- 3. Road connecting both streets into the path
- 4. Street from bridge to park.
- 5. Railroad line from Ceska Lipa to Rumburk
 6. Building of the district court and ONV.
 7. Main hall of the court.

- 8. Small prison yard (100 x 20 m)
- 9. Prison three floors (100 x 30 m)
- 10. Glass greenhouse
- 11. Gardona's' toolshed.
- 12. Wall

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- 13. Garden
- 14. Prison garden, used as a walking yard by the prisoners."

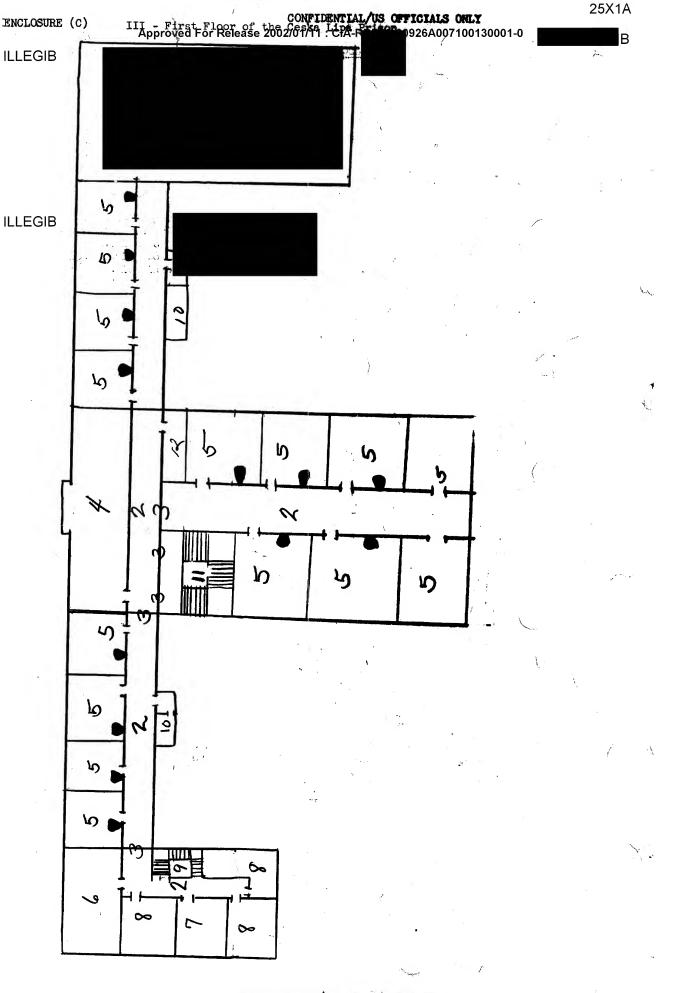


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II - Legend: Ground floor of the Ceska Lipa Prison

- "1. Private living quarters.
 2. Corridors
 3. Grave-doors /sic heavy doors?
- 4. Office
- Cells for six prisoners.
 Cells for solitary confinement.
 Doctor's office.
 Bathroom

- 9. Washrooms
- 10. Storage
- ll. WC

- 12. Exit to garden
 13. Gatekeeper's room.
 14. Stairs to first floor
 15. Stairs to first floor and cellar
- 16. Stairs into the small yard."



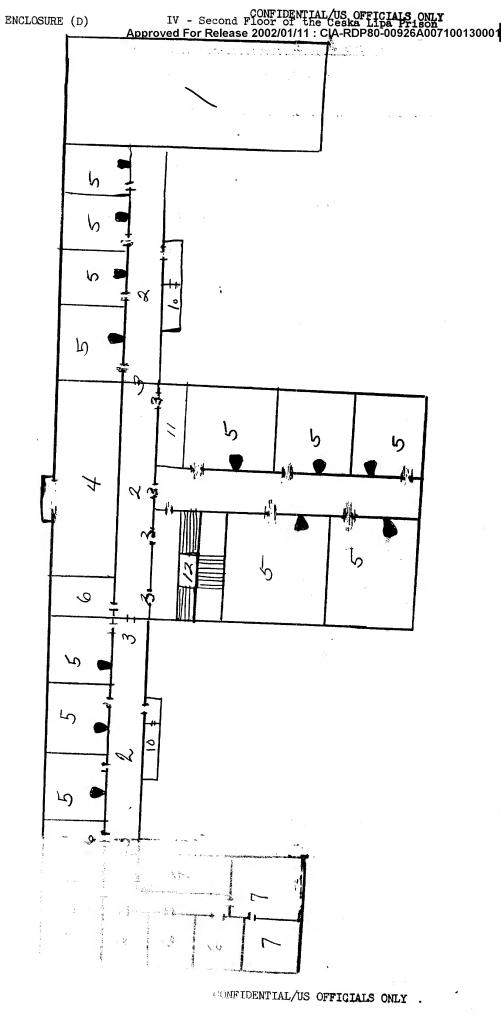
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- "1. Private living quarters of the guards.
 2. Corridors
- 3. 'Grave doors'
- 4. Former Catholic chapel for prisoners. Now a workshop. 5. Communal cells6. Kitchen

- 7. Wash room 8. Kitchen storeroom
- 9. Stairs to ground floor
- 10. WC
- 11. Stairs to ground floor and second floor.
 12. Room for the guard."

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IV - Legend: Second Floor of the Ceska Lipa Prison

- "l. Private living quarters
- 2. Corridor
- 3. 'Grave' door
 4. Chapel that has been converted into a workshop
- 5. Communal cells6. Solitary confinement cells
- 7. Storage8. Private living quarters for female guards
- 9. Depot for civilian clothes
 10. WC
- 11. Guard's room
- 12. Stairs to first floor and ground floor.*